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## Chenango River Theatre to perform Jewish-themed play “The Immigrant: A Hamilton County Album”

The Chenango River Theatre will perform “The Immigrant: A Hamilton County Album” by Mark Harelik from August 16-September 8.

The play tells the true story of a Jewish immigrant in rural central Texas beginning in 1909. A young Russian-Jewish immigrant pulls his banana cart into Galveston,

a town with more than 1,000 Baptists, but no Jews. The immigrant, who has escaped pogroms in his native country, is seeking refuge in “the land of the free.” The play follows him through 30 years of his life: making a home and raising a family, in addition to being befriended by some members of the town.

Devin C. Baker called the play “an endearing, engaging work with heart, intelligence and insight” on the website St. Louis.

On the website Backstage, Paul Birchall wrote, “If wholesome is your bag, then playwright Mark Harelik’s rag-to-riches dramography of his grandfather, a

Jewish immigrant who came to America in hopes of finding a better life and lived happily ever after, provides agreeably cheerful and lightweight drama.”

For information about dates, times and the cost of tickets, visit [www.chenangorivertheatre.org/Chenango\\_River\\_Theatre/The\\_Immigrant.html](http://www.chenangorivertheatre.org/Chenango_River_Theatre/The_Immigrant.html).

## Safe Haven plans 75<sup>th</sup> anniversary events

On Monday, August 5, at 7:30 am, church bells in Oswego will ring to commemorate the 75<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the arrival of a train carrying 982 Holocaust refugees to the Fort Ontario Emergency Refugee Shelter. That morning, former refugees, their families, invited officials, religious leaders and news media will board buses, visit cemeteries and conduct memorial services at the graves of refugees who died on the ship carrying them from Italy to the United States and at the shelter during its 18-month operation. Afterward, the group will gather for a private box lunch on the site of the 1944-46 shelter dining halls and living quarters.

At 2 pm, a free public 75<sup>th</sup> anniversary commemoration program will be held near a memorial monument at Fort Ontario State Historic Site dedicated to the “Fort Ontario Refugees and the millions of victims of the Nazis who never had an opportunity to start a new life.” The Syracuse Pioneer Women/Na’amat erected the monument near the Lake Ontario overlook parking lot during the first refugee reunion in 1981.

Paul Lear, Fort Ontario superintendent and historian, will introduce a program of speakers, who will include former refugees, their families, religious leaders, Jewish groups, historians, public

At right: Refugees at the Fort Ontario Emergency Refugee Shelter on August 5, 1944, during customs processing and baggage retrieval.



officials, U.S. Holocaust Memorial Museum curator and historian Rebecca Erbelding, Safe Haven Holocaust Refugee Shelter Museum President Kevin Hill and representatives of organizations with historical ties to the shelter.

Speakers will deliver remarks on their personal memories of life at the shelter, events and circumstances leading to the formation of the Fort Ontario Emergency Refugee Shelter, how the shelter affected and continues to affect the lives of former refugees and city residents, how it was administered and operated, its historical significance and legacy, and its impact

on U.S. refugee policy since World War II. A memorial service will conclude the public program.

At 6 pm, a 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Refugee Reunion Dinner with guest speakers in-

roduced by Hill will be held at the Lake Ontario Event and Conference Center at 26 E. First St., Oswego. The dinner is open to the public and reservations are required. Buffet dinners will cost \$50 and plated kosher dinners \$40 per person. Dinner reservations and event sponsorship forms may be obtained by contacting Judy Rapaport at 315-591-1050 or email [jcrap53@gmail.com](mailto:jcrap53@gmail.com).

The Fort Ontario State Historic Site is located at the north end of E. Fourth Street and the Safe Haven Holocaust Refugee Shelter Museum is located at 2 E. Seventh St., Oswego.

For more information on the Fort Ontario Emergency Refugee Shelter, or 75<sup>th</sup> anniversary commemorative events, contact Lear at 315-343-4711, or visit the Friends of Fort Ontario Facebook page or [www.fortontario.com](http://www.fortontario.com).

## Israel welcomes 121 new immigrants from Ukraine

By JNS staff

(JNS)—Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu welcomed 121 new immigrants (or *olim*) from Ukraine on July 29 at a reception held at the foot of their plane.

The *olim*, who arrived on a flight organized by the International Fellowship of Christians and Jews, were “filled with excitement” at the welcoming ceremony that was prepared for them, which also included the participation and attendance of Absorption Minister Yoav Gallant and Fellowship President Yael Eckstein.

Netanyahu, who took time to shake hands and speak with the new arrivals, said, “I am especially pleased to see the children who moved to Israel today. These children have a wonderful future here in Israel. Here is your home, and here is your place. I invite

you to share with me any details about your absorption process, and if you have any problems, I am here at your service.”

The passengers referred to both a deteriorating economic situation and a prevalence of antisemitism as two primary factors motivating them to move to the Jewish state.

Olga Chinui, a former resident of Kiev who moved to Israel with her husband and son, said, “My son was asked by his teacher to remove the Star of David around his neck.” They are expected to settle in Katzrin, often referred to as the “capital of the Golan Heights.”

Eckstein acknowledged that “we live in a complex reality. On the one hand, manifestations of antisemitism are increasing in Europe. On the other hand, as the prophets See “Ukraine” on page 5



A plane full of 121 new immigrants from Ukraine arrived in Israel on July 29. (Photo by Noam Moskowitz)

## “The Wiz” landed at Camp JCC



The major cast members of this year’s Camp JCC play, “The Wiz,” which was performed on July 26. See page 7 for more Camp JCC photos.

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# Building projects at entrance to Jerusalem means real growth (and some growing pains)

By Eliana Rudee

(JNS) – Just like “Rome wasn’t built in a day,” neither was Jerusalem, says Deputy Mayor of Jerusalem Fleur Hassan-Nahoum.

As a part of the city’s development endeavors, Jerusalem’s main entrance will undergo a “grand makeover” – a million-square-meter project including construction of a new entryway into the city, extension of the light rail and various new towers. Along with such growth, Jerusalem residents can expect associated growing pains since private vehicles will be blocked from entering Jerusalem from the city’s main entrance for three years, beginning in July 2019.

As a result of the road closures, traffic between the Chords Bridge and the International Convention Center will not be allowed for private vehicles, although public transportation will remain unchanged. An alternative route will be opened, passing through Herzl Boulevard and weaving around the government offices toward the city center.

Long term, according to Transportation Minister Israel Katz, the building of the new entryway into the city will decrease traffic at Jerusalem’s entrance by branching out from the Motza Bridge on Route 1, the Jerusalem-Tel Aviv highway. It will also make room for an extension to the city’s light rail.

Most in the Jerusalem municipality are supportive of the building efforts, which are part of a larger plan for the transformation of Jerusalem. The building project, which intends to “create a new source of income and quality job creation, coupled with the startup ecosystem that was built over the last six years, will create a cluster of business, academic and economic opportunities,” Hassan-Nahoum told JNS.

Both she and Ofer Berkovitch, a member of the city’s planning and construction committee, as well as head of Hitorerut, the largest party in Jerusalem’s municipality, called the planned expansions a “game changer” for the city.

Previously taking part in the advancement of the project under Jerusalem’s former



A view of the entrance to Jerusalem taken on October 25, 2018. (Photo by Miriam Alster/Flash90)

Mayor Nir Barkat and former Deputy Mayor Kobi Kahlon, Berkovitch called the project a “very important” step in creating a new business center in the city next to the most developed transportation hub.

The construction is within walking distance to the governmental buildings, with the hope of expanding research institutions and governmental offices and services.

As the capital of Israel, “the government should sit and act from Jerusalem,” said Berkovitch. As a part of the building projects, noted Berkovitch, 30 percent of the material will use the signature Jerusalem stone, along with other more modern material such as glass and iron, “a symbol that Jerusalem is moving forward.”

While some worry that these modern touches will change the historical nature of the city, Berkovitch noted that the building includes no historic areas, that buildings will not be built as high as they are in Israel’s center, and that the new material will make the city more inviting and attractive.

Hassan-Nahoum and Berkovitch agreed

that one of Jerusalem’s major problems is lack of commercial office space, which helps the city to develop economically through rent, taxes and job creation. “I believe the location and features of the project will help us to bring new jobs to the city,” said Berkovitch. “More office space will mean more businesses, whether its lawyers, bankers or high-tech.”

Creating jobs will keep “young people, students and techies” in Jerusalem, stressed Hassan-Nahoum, noting that the city is working to “ensure that all the marginal populations are included in this economic prosperity.”

“Infrastructural change will also bring cultural change,” she added, voicing her hope that “if *haredim* and Arabs are part of it, they would have cultural changes, too, integrating into the marketplace and integrating with each other.”

Berkovitch also maintained, “I see this project as a very strategic and important one to change the employment portfolio of the city, keep youngsters and include the ultra-Orthodox into the job market.”

But until then, many residents are worried that traffic will greatly worsen. Berkovitch acknowledged that it will “be a challenge,” and “citizens will be impacted by the construction and traffic problems through the next years.” With other concurrent projects in the city that also create traffic, he expressed his concern that the roadwork will create an “impossible reality in the city,” posing that current Jerusalem Mayor Moshe Lion is “not doing a serious job in managing the hard times ahead.”

He continued, “I didn’t hear a clear program [from him] of how to deal with changes and create alternatives to help the traffic.”

Berkovitch recommended that the mayor spend serious resources in mid-time solutions to decrease traffic, examine the timing of the different projects in the entrance of the city and ensure that the fast train from Tel Aviv, which will take just 23 minutes, works efficiently before main roads are closed.

Still, Berkovitch is sure that the projects will be worth it long-term. He explained that in the last decade, Jerusalem missed out on “a lot of changes happening in Israel’s cultural and high-tech revolution,” and this project will help Israel catch up. “We still have a problem of lack of new, modern offices for big companies,” he said, voicing his hope that “this project will create the possibility to bring strong firms like Google and Facebook to Jerusalem from the center [of Israel].”

Berkovitch said housing options that support employment for young adults and singles, in addition to nightlife venues and cultural institutions, are also being built. Jerusalem’s major conference center is expanding, and walking and bike paths with public spaces and trees will enhance the area.

Likewise, posed Hassan-Nahoum, while closures are an inconvenience for residents, they are a necessary aspect “to keep growing and developing, ultimately for the benefit of the whole city.”

“To become economically agile and build infrastructure, we’ll have a better city and everyone will benefit. Birth is painful, but you get a baby at the end of it,” she said. See “Projects” on page 7

## Opinion

### In My Own Words

## Opinion columns in *The Reporter*

RABBI RACHEL ESSERMAN, EXECUTIVE EDITOR

Page 2 of *The Reporter* is usually dedicated to opinion pieces and first person columns. You might have noticed we’ve been publishing fewer of these in the paper recently. That’s partly due to space constraints: many of our issues are eight pages rather than 12 pages due to a decrease in advertising. Since our emphasis is on local material, local articles have appeared on page 2 when space is tight. Other times, we’ve decided not to publish any opinion pieces due to the fact that it’s getting harder to find acceptable material.

My favorite opinion pages are those featuring point-counterpoint articles. The point/counterpoints give readers an opportunity to learn more about a political or religious issue. I assume our readers are intelligent enough to listen to both sides (as long as neither of them is a personal attack) and decide for themselves. Often I’ve found something worthwhile in each article that allows me to make a more educated decision.

I’ve heard complaints that we are too left wing, although I’ve also heard complaints we publish too many right-wing articles. It’s difficult to find a perfect balance for everyone. Someone had a problem with a recent Jonathan Tobin column, but, when looking back, I realized I had interpreted what was said differently. I’m not sure which interpretation is correct, but I promised to look more carefully at future articles. I did nix a recent oped because, although the author’s comments were funny, they were also unfair in that they treated all members of a class of people as though they were all the same. That was a shame because he did make some excellent points in the rest of his oped.

I try to rotate my columns between the personal and the political, although I believe the two are often tied. Some friends have said they like my political ones, although I’ve also received comments on other articles. It amazed me to learn that someone remembered a column I wrote

about baseball; that struck this non-fan as very funny. The columns on my cochlear implant also seemed to have made an impression. One friend encouraged me to publish the link to them on my Facebook page so others could learn about my progress and discover just how bad my hearing had been. I see those columns as educational: those with disabilities often need to educate others about their disability and to teach them ways to help.

What I do look for in everything we publish is whether the tone of voices is respectful. However, we aren’t perfect and I apologize for the times when something gets published that strikes a person as otherwise. Unfortunately, not everyone reads a statement the same way, so that can create problems. But I do try personally to be respectful even when I completely disagree with someone. The hope is that every article in the paper – from page 1 to the final page – reflects that.



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The Community Calendar can be found on the Jewish Federation of Greater Binghamton's website, [www.jfgeb.org](http://www.jfgeb.org), by clicking on "calendar." Updates or additions of events for the calendar can be made by contacting the Federation through its website (click on "calendar" and then "click here to request a change to the calendar") or by calling 724-2332.

# TI to hold annual picnic on Aug. 18

The Temple Israel annual picnic will be held on Sunday, August 18, at 2 pm, at the temple. All food will be served inside to allow the event to take place rain or shine. The entire community is welcome.

There will be children's games, tours of the VINES gardens and a 50-50 raffle, which will include handmade

gifts by Sandy Paston and Hersh Rozen. Traditional picnic foods will be available.

The cost is \$10 per person and there is no charge for children under 13. Reservations are required and may be made by calling Tammy Kunsman at the temple office, 723-7461.

# Syracuse synagogue to be sold and replaced by student housing

By JNS staff

(JNS) – Members of Central New York's oldest Jewish congregation and the ninth oldest in the United States, Temple Concord in Syracuse, voted on July 28 to sell the 108-year-old building for \$9 million to a developer of luxury student apartments serving Syracuse University.

The sale is dependent on the developer, reportedly Georgia-based Landmark Properties, receiving approval from the city of Syracuse.

Rabbi Daniel Fellman told Syracuse.com that the sale, if given the green light, is "months away."

In the meantime, said Fellman, his congregation, which sold the building due to financial troubles, will move to a temporary location as the next permanent spot has yet to be picked. About 350 families, or around 1,000 people, are members of the congregation.

The congregation was founded in 1839 as the Temple Society of Concord in Syracuse. It moved in 1911 to its current location. In the late 1920s, a religious learning building was constructed, with another building erected four decades later. The initial building, which consists of its sanctuary, was placed on the National Register of Historic Places in 2009.



Temple Concord in Syracuse, NY. (Photo by Wikimedia Commons)

# ADL study: Nine percent of online gamers have been exposed to Holocaust denial

By JNS staff

Sixty-five percent of gamers have experienced severe harassment while playing games online, which includes physical threats, stalking and sustained harassment, while 74 percent of online multiplayer gamers have experienced some form of harassment, with 9 percent of them being exposed to Holocaust denial, according to a report released on July 25 by the Anti-Defamation League.

Among online-game players who experienced harassment, 53 percent reported being targeted based on their race, religion, ability, gender, gender identity, sexual orientation or ethnicity. An alarming 29 percent of online-game players have been doxed in an online game, meaning that their personal or private information was publicly exposed against their wishes.

"Video games are an important and extremely popular form of entertainment. Nearly two-thirds of U.S. adults play games online, yet there are significant problems with hate, harassment and discrimination," said ADL CEO Jonathan Greenblatt. "We see online multiplayer games as social platforms, and we need to fight hate on these platforms with the same seriousness as traditional social media – and for us that starts with quantifying the problem through studies like this."

The survey also found that online-game players had been exposed to extremist ideologies and hateful propaganda. Twenty-three percent of respondents reported being exposed to discussions about white supremacy through online games, 8 percent reported being exposed to pro-Islamic State statements and 13 percent to disinformation about the September 11 terror attacks, among other topics.

"Online hate causes real harm," said Greenblatt. "Every time someone in an online multiplayer game physically threatens or harasses another player repeatedly because of who they are or what they believe, that experience doesn't just end for that individual when the game is over."

"That's why it's imperative for industry leaders and poli-

cymakers to take action to prevent this poisonous ecosystem from overflowing and causing additional harm," he added.

Sixty-two percent of online multiplayer gamers believe that companies should do more to make games safer and more inclusive for players, and more than 55 percent feel games should have technology that allows for content moderation of in-game voice chat.

The survey sheds light on the lasting impact of online harassment on targets. For instance, 38 percent of online multiplayer gamers have become more careful about choosing their online partners out of concern for harassment, while 27 percent have changed the way they play out of concern for harassment. In addition, 23 percent of online multiplayer gamers who have been harassed avoid certain games due to a game's reputation for having a hostile environment, and 19 percent have stopped playing certain games altogether as a result of in-game harassment.

However, the positive aspects of digital social spaces that exist inside online games include opportunities to connect, build friendships and communities, and learn.

Eighty-eight percent of online multiplayer gamers have experienced some form of positive social interaction while playing online multiplayer games, including making friends (51 percent) or helping other players (50 percent).

This most recent survey comes on the heels of an ADL survey released earlier this year that looked at the experience of users on social-media platforms, and found that more than one-third of Americans experienced severe online hate and harassment, including sexual harassment, stalking, physical threats or sustained harassment.

The Jewish Community wishes to express its sympathy to Michael Wright on the death of his mother,  
**Jean Becker**

The Jewish Community wishes to express its sympathy to the family of  
**Arnold "Arkie" Mullens**

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Off the Shelf

# India, religion and family

RABBI RACHEL ESSERMAN

Wikipedia defines Jerusalem syndrome as “a group of mental phenomena involving the presence of either religiously-themed obsessive ideas, delusions or other psychosis-like experiences that are triggered by a visit to the city of Jerusalem.” India doesn’t have a similarly labeled syndrome, but intense religious experiences also affect many who visit the country. In her novel “Mother India” (Syracuse University Press), Tova Reich uses India and religion to explore family relationships, in particular, her narrator Meena’s connections to her mother, daughter and brother. Three religions – Hinduism, Islam and Judaism – play major roles in this very dysfunctional family.

Meena, a lapsed Orthodox Jew living in India, narrates all three sections of “Mother India,” each of which focuses on a different member of her family. Meena describes herself as “an old India hand, a Hid-Jew, a Jewbude, however you want to process.” Her fascination with the country began when her mother encouraged her not to waste food: “That was my introduction to India, a faraway land swarming with children dying for my schnitzel.” Although Meena is a lesbian, she had a very short marriage to a man she refers to as her daughter’s “semen donor, my stab at a husband,

Shmeil the schlemiel Shapiro,” who spends his days begging at the grave of Reb Shlomo Carlebach in Israel. The only sibling to whom Meena is close is her twin brother, Shmelke, an unconventional rabbi with troubles of his own.

My favorite section is the first: Meena’s ultra-Orthodox mother – the wife of a rabbi and the mother of nine children – asks her daughter to take her to India so she can die. During a chemotherapy session for her stage-four breast cancer, Ma (as she is known throughout the section) read a magazine in which an Indian holy man says, “Whosoever dies in Varanasi will achieve liberation, even a cockroach.” Ma has been looking at death as a liberation and tells Meena she wants to travel the 8,000 miles from New York to end her days in Varanasi.

This surprises Meena because it shows a different side of her mother: “And now this woman, my mother, who always did what was expected of her, who had never openly rebelled in her life, whose axis of influence was a lopsided triangle of three fixed retro-shtetl points, Brooklyn, Miami, Jerusalem, suddenly gets the idea that it ain’t over ‘til the fat lady sings. A grand finale was still required of her. She still had time to rise from her bed and muster whatever remaining shreds of vitality she possessed to drag her 250 diseased pounds to the faraway rotting stage of Varanasi packed with bit players and reeking scenery to belt out her final full-throated aria.” The result of Ma’s move is an amazing transformation and to give away any of the details would spoil the fun. The friends she makes and her final days are very different from her previous life, as is her funeral. Her funeral procession – the telling of which veers between pathos and dark humor – is brilliantly done.

The story of Meena’s daughter, Maya, is not as cheerful, although no less compelling. Maya has been raised without religion, which was not a problem until Meena’s Indian ex-wife (yes, they had a ceremony) and Maya’s stepmother deserts them. Meena can understand Geete not wanting to have a relationship with her, but her ability to ignore the daughter they both raised stings. This leaves Maya vulnerable: first, to the attention of the children of the local Chabad family, although those relationships end

on a sour note. Meena tries to help by taking Maya to her guru, but that backfires in that Maya is spirited to a school in the U.S. by friends of the guru. Upon returning to India for a summer internship, Maya relishes her work in the poorest section of their city. Events take an unexpected turn in which religion, this time Islam, plays a role.

The third, and in my mind least successful, section focuses on Meena’s brother, Shmelke, who has been traveling the world since he escaped legal charges in Israel. This section felt overdone and overlong, partly because I quickly lost patience with him and his travails. Once safely in India, Shmelke, now known as Rebbie-ji, calls on Meena to help when he starts a community in the deserted rooms that were once Mother Theresa’s hospice, now known as Shmelke’s House of Healing. Meena describes Shmelke’s idea of the change as moving “from hospice to hope... anguish to joy, mourning to holiday, like Purim, when all are obligated to turn themselves into clowns with Rebbie-ji banging on his drum and gyrating in his wheelchair leading the way, like King David, leaping and dancing half-naked, making a spectacle of himself as he brought the ark of the Lord through the streets of Jerusalem.”

Shmelke is accepted by both the Hindu and Jewish communities due to his emphasis of meditation, dancing and singing in order to receive a connection to God. Soon everyone from visiting Israelis to Chasidic tour groups stop by the House of Healing. Also finding their way to the house are lost souls, including Indian teenagers escaping oppressive circumstances. The results of all these machinations are served to readers with a large dose of black humor.

In “Mother India,” Reich shows – with a sense of the absurd – how combining family and religion can enrich and/or devastate someone. Reich leaves no one unscathed with her satirical descriptions of those religious and secular. This verbose novel will not be to everyone’s taste. While I enjoyed the work, I grew tired of the characters and descriptions by its end. Perhaps that is because I found Shmelke less interesting than Ma or Maya. The novel gives readers much to discuss, while, at the same time, offering something to irritate just about everyone.

## Mailbox Shorts

### Jewish Travel Guide

The New York Jewish Travel Guide, <http://newyorkjewishtravelguide.com/>, is a website that focuses on Jewish travel and Jewish heritage destinations. It has covered Jewish communities in countries throughout Europe and Asia, in addition to offering information about international hotels and resorts, dining, airlines and cruises. The guide features articles covering a wide variety of different types of travel and looks at help readers choose their travel destinations.

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Notice of Formation of BLOOM THERAPY LICENSED CLINICAL SOCIAL WORKER PLLC. Arts. of Org. filed with Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 06/27/19. Office location: Broome County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: Bloom Therapy Licensed Clinical Social Worker PLLC, Attn: Chenango Place, 7 Court St., Binghamton, NY 13901. Purpose: to practice the profession of licensed clinical social work.

Notice of formation of a Limited Liability Company. Name: Ikjot Properties, LLC. Purpose is to engage in any lawful activity. Office location is Broome County. Articles of Org. filed with NY Secretary of State (NYSS) on July 10, 2019. NYSS is designated as agent upon whom process may be served; NYSS shall mail service of process against the LLC served upon it to: 2613 Princeton Dr. Vestal, NY 13850.

### NOTICE OF FORMATION OF LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY UNDER NEW YORK LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY LAW

1. The name of the limited liability company (“LLC”) is T.V. Dairy, LLC.
2. The date of filing of the Articles of Organization with the Secretary of State is July 15, 2019.
3. The County within the State of New York in which the principal office of the LLC is located is Cortland.
4. The Secretary of State of the State of New York is hereby designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. The post

office address to which the Secretary of State shall mail a copy of any process against the LLC served upon him or her is: 2847 Route 13, Cortland, NY 13045.

5. The character or purpose of the business of the LLC is any purpose allowed by law.

Notice of Formation of SLC Rentals LLC. Arts. Of Org. filed with Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 7/16/2019. Office Location: Broome Co. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom service of process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: Ish K. Chopra, 128 Brown Road, Vestal, NY 13850. Purpose: any lawful activities.

### NOTICE OF FORMATION OF LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY UNDER NEW YORK LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY LAW

1. The name of the limited liability company (“LLC”) is Bingwest LLC.
2. The date of filing of the Articles of Organization with the Secretary of State is JULY 12, 2019.
3. The County within the State of New York in which the principal office of the LLC is located is Broome.
4. The Secretary of State of the State of New York is hereby designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. The post office address to which the Secretary of State shall mail a copy of any process against the LLC served upon him or her is: 132 Washington Street, Binghamton, NY 13901.

5. The character or purpose of the business of the LLC is any purpose allowed by law.

Brooklyn Sanctuary LLC, Arts of Org. filed with Sec. of State of NY (SSNY) 7/12/2019. Cty: Broome. SSNY desig. as agent upon whom process against may be served & shall mail process to 4510 3rd Ave., Brooklyn, NY 11220. General Purpose.

Notice of Formation of Oquaga Lake Life LLC. Arts. Of Org. filed with Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 7/18/2019. Office Location: Broome Co. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom service of process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: George Slavik, 9 Carolyn Court, Endwell, New York 13760. Purpose: any lawful activities.

61 Walnut St LLC, Arts of Org. filed with Sec. of State of NY (SSNY) 3/28/2019. Cty: Broome. SSNY desig. as agent upon whom process against may be served & shall mail process to 61 Walnut St., Binghamton, NY 13905. General Purpose.

Notice of Formation of Cayuga Lake Marine Services, LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 07/05/19. Office location: Broome County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: 3713 Wildwood Dr., Endwell, NY 13760. Purpose: any lawful activities.

### NOTICE OF FORMATION OF LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY UNDER NEW YORK LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY LAW

1. The name of the limited liability company (“LLC”) is RY Lending, LLC.
2. The date of filing of the Articles of Organization with the Secretary of State is July 19, 2019.
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# Magen David Adom assists in developing first-responder system in Santiago, Chile

By JNS staff

(JNS) – The Providencia municipality in the Chilean capital has started a pilot project to train municipal security personnel as first responders in medical emergencies, in cooperation with the Emergency Medical Services SAMU R.M.

The partnership is part of a series of activities initiated by the Israeli embassy in Santiago, led by the ambassador and his deputy in an effort to support emergency medical services in the Chilean capital.

“Magen David Adom EMTs and paramedics are saving lives every day throughout the country,” said the organization’s director-general, Eli Bin. “It is gratifying to see how, with the experience accumulated by the MDA teams in Israel, we can contribute to saving lives around the world.”

Senior MDA officials flew to Chile the week of July 19 and signed a cooperation agreement between the SAMU R.M (The Capital Region EMS services) and MDA. As part of this project, and in light of the cooperation agreement signed between the prime minister of Israel

and the president of Chile during his last visit to Israel, a workshop was organized by SAMU R.M, which invited service managers throughout Chile to learn about MDA’s organization of emergency medical services and the way MDA is structured.

The activity ended with a workshop initiated and hosted by the governor of the capital district in her offices in downtown Santiago; it dealt with the experience gained by MDA in organizing and providing medical coverage for large-scale public events, especially those with dignitaries.

The meeting was held in anticipation of two major conferences to be held in Chile at the end of the year: APEC (International Conference of Heads of Major Economies in Asia Pacific) and COP25 (U.N. climate conference).

“The cooperation with the ambulance service in Santiago is very important for the residents,” said Bin, “and we are grateful for the opportunity to help them save lives.”



First-responder training by Israel’s Magen David Adom, part of a pilot project to train municipal security personnel in emergencies in cooperation with the Emergency Medical Services SAMU R.M. in Santiago, Chile, in July. (Photo by MDA)



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## NEWS IN BRIEF

From JNS.org

### Long-range Arrow-3 missile-defense system successfully tested in Alaska

Israel and the United States have completed a series of successful tests of the new long-range Arrow-3 ballistic missile-defense system in Alaska, Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu announced at the start of the July 28 Cabinet meeting. The tests involved targets similar to the advanced ballistic missiles currently being developed by Iran. The Arrow-3 successfully intercepted multiple targets above the atmosphere. Reports indicate that the test is part of an \$80 million contract between MDA and the Alaska Aerospace Corp, and was conducted outside of Israel due to the difficulty in testing such a long-range system in a country so small. The Arrow Weapon System is a joint project of Israel Aerospace Industries, Elbit Systems, Rafael Advanced Defense Systems and America’s Boeing.

### Ukraine . . . . Continued from page 1

said, the children [Jews] shall return to their borders, and the people of Israel have returned to their homes in Zion.”

The coastal city of Haifa will absorb 24 of the *olim*, the largest number among the group moving to a respective municipality. The age range among them all spans from a 9-month-old infant to a 78-year-old. Forty of the *olim* are under the age of 18.

“From the beginning of the year, the Ministry of Immigrant Absorption has absorbed more than 17,000 new *olim* from all over the world – an increase of 25 percent compared to last year,” said Gallant. “This summer, thousands of additional *olim* from all over the world are expected to arrive. The Ministry of Immigration and Absorption is working diligently to provide all of them with the most necessary tools and services for a quick and comfortable adjustment in their new home.”



Yael Eckstein (center), president of the International Fellowship of Christians and Jews, welcomed children and adults from Ukraine to their new home in Israel on July 29. (Photo by Noam Moskowitz)

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Shakespeare famously asks, "What's in a name?" Do names have any deeper significance or are they arbitrary? When it comes to a Torah portion, the Lubavitcher Rebbe teaches, the name offers us insight into the theme of the *parasha* as well as giving us lessons for life.

This week, we conclude the book of Bamidbar, Numbers, with a double Torah portion: Mattot and Masei. The word *mattot* is the plural form of *mateh*, meaning "tribe" or "staff." The portion of Masei lists the travels of the Jewish people during their 40-year journey from Egypt to the land

of Israel; the word *masei* means "journeys [of]."

A *mateh*, a staff, stands tall and firm, supporting its owner. We each have strong elements within ourselves that support us and enable us to stand upright and proud: our values and beliefs. A strong inner core is essential and foundational. However, a foundation alone does not suffice, as we cannot remain static; we must each continuously grow as a person as well as affect our surroundings for the better.

The name of the second portion, Masei, journeys, teaches us the next step. Building on this foundation,

we journey through life, continuously growing and accomplishing. Each day brings a new journey, finding the missions that we are meant to accomplish, as we work on ourselves to become better people and help make the world brighter.

This Shabbat falls during the three weeks of mourning for the destruction of the Holy Temple in Jerusalem. May our efforts in personal growth and affecting our surroundings positively while maintaining our values bring about the end of the long exile and the rebuilding of the Holy Temple.

## Congregational Notes

### Beth David Synagogue

Affiliation: Orthodox Union  
 Rabbi: Zev Silber  
 Address: 39 Riverside Dr., Binghamton, NY 13905  
 Phone: 722-1793  
 Rabbi's Office: 722-7514  
 Fax: 722-7121  
 Office hours: Mon. closed; Tues. 10 am-1 pm; Wed. closed; Thurs. 9 am-1 pm; Fri. 10 am-1 pm  
 Beth David e-mail address: bethdavid@stny.rr.com  
 Rabbi's e-mail: rabbisilber@stny.rr.com  
 Website: www.bethdavid.org  
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 Shabbat Services:  
 Shabbat, Aug. 3 ..... 9 am  
 ..... Mincha after kiddush  
 Weekday Services:  
 Mornings:  
 Sun., Aug. 4 ..... 8:30 am  
 Mon.-Fri., Aug. 5-9 ..... 7 am  
 Evenings:  
 Sun.-Thurs., Aug. 4-8 ..... 8 pm  
 Classes: Rabbi Zev Silber will hold his weekly Talmud class every Tuesday evening after services.

### Rohr Chabad Center

Affiliation: Chabad-Lubavitch  
 Rabbi: Aaron Slonim  
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 Address: 420 Murray Hill Rd., Vestal, NY 13850  
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 E-mail: zchein@JewishBU.com  
 Address: 27 Bennet Ave., Binghamton, NY 13905  
 Phone: 722-3252  
 Regular service times: Daily 7:30 am, Friday evening 6 pm, Shabbat morning 9:30 am, Maariv and Havdalah one hour after candle-lighting time, Sundays 9:30 am.  
 Linking Hearts for youngsters with special needs: This program connects Jewish special-needs children and teenagers, ages 5-14, who have mental, physical and/or functional disabilities, with student volunteers who will visit participating youngsters weekly in their homes.  
 To join the mailing list, for up-to-date information on adult education offerings or to arrange for a private tutorial, for details concerning the Judaica shop and resource center, or for assistance through the Piaker Free Loan Society or Raff Maasim Tovim Foundation, call Chabad's office at 797-0015.

### Temple Beth El of Oneonta

Affiliation: United Synagogue of Conservative Judaism  
 Rabbi: Molly Karp  
 Address: 83 Chestnut St., Oneonta, NY 13820  
 Mailing address: P.O. Box 383, Oneonta, NY 13820  
 Phone: 607-432-5522  
 Website: www.templebetheloneonta.org  
 E-mail: TBEOneonta@gmail.com  
 Regular service times: visit the temple website for days of services and times  
 Religious School/Education: Religious School, for grades kindergarten through bar/bat mitzvah, meets Sunday mornings. Rabbi Karp conducts services and holds classes in Torah, beginning Hebrew and Maimonides.  
 For the schedule of services, classes and events, see the website.

### Temple Brith Sholom

Affiliation: Unaffiliated  
 Address: P.O. Box 572, 117 Madison St., Cortland, NY 13045  
 Phone: 607-756-7181  
 President: Bruce Fein, 607-423-3346  
 Service leaders: Lay leadership  
 Shabbat services: Either Friday evening at 7:30 pm or Saturday at 10 am from Rosh Hashanah to Shavuot. Holiday services are also held. Check the weekly e-mail for upcoming services. Contact the president to get on the e-mail list.  
 Religious School: Students are educated on an individual basis.  
 Temple Brith Sholom is a small equalitarian congregation serving the greater Cortland community. Congregants span the gamut of observance and services are largely dependent on the service leader. The Friday night siddur is "Likrat Shabbat," while the Saturday morning siddur is "Gates of Prayer." The community extends a warm welcome to the Jewish student population of SUNY Cortland, as well as the residents of local adult residences.

### Temple Concord

Affiliation: Union for Reform Judaism  
 Rabbi: Barbara Goldman-Wartell  
 Address: 9 Riverside Dr., Binghamton, NY 13905  
 Office hours: Tues.-Fri., 10 am-2 pm  
 Phone: 723-7355  
 Fax: 723-0785  
 Office e-mail: TempleConcordbinghamton@gmail.com  
 Website: www.templeconcord.com  
 Regular service times: Friday, 8 pm; Saturday, 10:35 am, when religious school is in session.  
 Hebrew school: Hebrew school meets at 5:15 pm on Tuesdays and Thursdays during the school year unless otherwise noted.  
 On Friday, August 2, at 8 pm, there will be a Shabbat Visual Tefilah service led by Rabbi Barbara Goldman-Wartell.  
 On Saturday, August 3, at 9:15 am, there will be Torah study.  
 On Friday, August 9, at 8 pm, there will be a Shabbat Visual Tefilah service led by Rabbi Barbara Goldman-Wartell.  
 On Saturday, August 10, at 9:15 am, there will be Torah study; and at 8:30 pm, there will be a Tisha B'Av Program at Temple Israel.

### Norwich Jewish Center

Orientation: Inclusive  
 Rabbi: David Regenspan  
 Address: 72 South Broad St., Norwich, NY 13815  
 Contact: Guilia Greenberg, 336-1523  
 Purpose: To maintain a Jewish identity and meet the needs of the Jewish community in the area.  
 Adult Ed.: Saturday morning study is held at 10 am. Call for more information and to confirm.

### Penn-York Jewish Community

President-Treasurer-Secretary: Harvey Chernosky, 570-265-3869  
 B'nai B'rith: William H. Seigel Lodge  
 Purpose: To promote Jewish identity through religious, cultural, educational and social activities in the Southern Tier of New York and the Northern Tier of Pennsylvania, including Waverly, NY; Sayre, Athens and Towanda, PA, and surrounding communities.

### Kol Haverim

Affiliation: Society for Humanistic Judaism  
 Address: P.O. Box 4972, Ithaca, NY 14852-4972  
 Phone: 607-277-3345  
 E-mail: info@kolhaverim.net  
 Website: www.kolhaverim.net  
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 Kol Haverim: The Finger Lakes Community for Humanistic Judaism, is an Ithaca-based organization that brings people together to explore and celebrate Jewish identity, history, culture and ethics within a secular, humanistic framework. KH is part of an international movement for Secular Humanistic Judaism and is affiliated with the Society for Humanistic Judaism, a national association with over 30 member communities and congregations around the country. Established in the spring of 1999, it offers celebrations of Jewish holidays, monthly Shabbat pot-lucks, adult education, a twice-monthly Cultural School for children, and a bar and bat mitzvah program.  
 KH welcomes all individuals and families, including those from mixed religious backgrounds, who wish to strengthen the Jewish experience in their lives and provide their children with a Jewish identity and experience.



Friday, August 2, light candles before ..... 8:03 pm  
 Saturday, August 3, Shabbat ends ..... 9:09 pm  
 Friday, August 9, light candles before ..... 7:54 pm  
 Saturday, August 10, Shabbat ends ..... 8:54 pm

### Temple Israel

Orientation: Conservative  
 Rabbi: Geoffrey Brown  
 Address: 4737 Deerfield Pl., Vestal, NY 13850  
 Phone: 723-7461 and 231-3746  
 Office hours: Mon.-Thurs. 8:30 am-4 pm; Fri. 8 am-3 pm  
 E-mail: titammy@stny.twcbc.com  
 Website: www.templeisraelvestal.org  
 Service Schedule: Tuesday, 5:30 pm; Friday, 5:30 pm; Saturday, 9:30 am  
 On Saturday, August 3, at 9:30 am, Shabbat services will be led by Rabbi Geoffrey Brown. The Torah portion will be Numbers 30:2-36:13. The haftarah will be Jeremiah 2:4-28. The kiddush sponsors are Sylvia Horowitz and Barbara Gilbert.  
 On Friday, August 9, at 7 pm, there will be Shabbat on the Road at Vestal Park Nursing Home.  
 On Saturday, August 10, at 8:30 pm, there will be Tisha B'Av services.  
 On Sunday, August 18, at 2 pm, the Temple Israel Family Picnic will be held. The cost is \$10 per person, children under 13 free. RSVP and make payment to the office. (See article on page 3.)

### Congregation Tikun v'Or

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 Website: www.tikunvor.org  
 E-mail: info@tikunvor.org  
 Presidents: Lauren Korfine and Shira Reisman  
 Rabbi: Brian Walt  
 Religious School Director/Admin. Coordinator: Naomi Wilensky  
 Services: Fridays at 7:30 pm unless otherwise noted. Intergenerational Shabbat, music services, and other special services. Call for the weekly schedule.  
 Religious School: Preschool through seventh-grade classes meet on Sunday mornings. Sixth-grade Hebrew and seventh-grade b'nai mitzvah classes meet on Wednesday afternoons.  
 Adult Ed: Mini courses throughout the year. Adult Hebrew offered regularly. Call the office for details.

### Temple Beth-El of Ithaca

Affiliation: United Synagogue of Conservative Judaism  
 Rabbi: Scott L. Glass  
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 Phone: 273-5775  
 E-mail: rabbi@tbeithaca.org and secretary@tbeithaca.org  
 Website: www.tbeithaca.org  
 President: Randy Ehrenberg  
 Sisterhood President: Julie Paige  
 Director of Education: Rabbi Suzanne Brody  
 Administrative Assistant: Jane Griffith  
 Services: Friday 8 pm; Saturday 10 am, unless otherwise announced. Weekday morning minyan 7:30 am (9 am on Sundays and legal holidays).  
 Religious School/Education: September-May: Classes meet on Sunday, 9 am-12:30 pm and Wednesday afternoons, 3:45-5:45 pm. The Midrashah (eighth-grade and high school) classes will meet at times designated by their respective teachers.  
 Adult Ed.: Numerous weekly courses, several semester-long courses and a variety of mini-courses and lectures are offered throughout the year. Call the temple office for more details.

On Saturday, August 10, the eve of Tisha B'Av service will be held at 9:15 pm. The Book of Lamentations will be read.

On Thursday, August 22, at 6:30 pm, the TBE Arts Committee summer movie series will conclude with "The Last Suit" (Spain, Argentina, 2018, 92 minutes, English subtitles). The film tells the story of a Polish-born Holocaust survivor who decides to travel from Buenos Aires to Lodz to fulfill a promise he made nearly 70 years earlier. The public is invited to attend. Doors will open at 6:30 pm for refreshments and schmoozing, with the film starting at 7 pm. The cost is \$8 at the door (cash or check only). The movie will be shown at TBE through Israeli Films, National Center for Jewish Film and Outsider Pictures.

On Saturdays, August 24 and 31, at 5 pm, Rabbi Scott Glass will continue to teach a "Perek in the Pardes" class studying "Pirkei Avot, The Ethics of the Fathers."

# Jewish Community Center

## Fun in the sun at Camp JCC



A scene from this year's Camp JCC play, "The Wiz."



Campers participated in an art elective at Camp JCC.



Campers participated in a yoga elective at Camp JCC.



On July 23, Camp JCC's Osem, Eliter and Galgalimer campers headed out to spend a day at Hershey Park.



Campers with Camp Director Nora Graven.

### JCC Friendship Club

The JCC Friendship Club met on July 24, and heard a musical program presented by Howie Herzog, Sue's husband, and Tod Herzog, their son. They played guitar and sang. Howie started by having everyone sing, "This Land is Your Land." The words were on the song sheets that were handed out. This song was followed by "Blowin' in the Wind." After a few more sing-along songs, the guitar was passed to Todd. He played the music and we sang some songs we knew, such as "Take Me Out to the Ball Game" and "I've Been Working on the Railroad." He also sang some songs that we did not know. Sheryl Brumer stopped in and suggested some Jewish songs. Since Todd is a cantor in Phoenix, AZ, he played a few pieces and ended with "Oseh Shalom." Sue and Howie's daughter Mandy came with her daughter, Grace. Todd brought

his son, Sander. We were pleased to have Heidi Thirer and Betty Rappaport join us this week.

Everyone joined in to celebrate Ann Brilliant's birthday and had some ice cream birthday cake. Ann was able to blow out all the candles and then we sang "Happy Birthday."

The meeting was called to order by Sylvia Diamond. We said the Pledge of Allegiance to a virtual American flag and Ann said the blessing over the cake. Sue gave the treasurer's report.

The movie "Boynton Beach Club" will be shown in two parts. The first half will be shown on July 31 and the second half the following week. Join us on Wednesday at 1:30 pm at the JCC.

Sylvia Diamond, President

## Projects . . . . .Continued from page 2

Lisa Barkan, a resident of Jerusalem for 32 years and former marketer for the Jerusalem Development Authority, agreed. Working in the municipality back in 1991-92, she recalled, "When Kikar Safra was being built, we walked in mud and dirt every day to get to the office from the parking lot and buses. And look what we have now".

Barkan recalled the growth of the last three decades, posing that growth has always required patience. "Think about how the city was 30 years ago with its small and run-down bus station," she posed to JNS. "We needed a new building to handle the increase in demand for public transportation. Yes, its being built was a mess, but sometimes we have to tolerate mess in order to grow.

"Look at the light rail," she continued. "Jaffa Street was closed and a huge mess for years. Businesses closed. People avoided the downtown. We really suffered. And now we reap the benefits."

Barkan, who founded Jerusalem Village, an organization with the goal of introducing those who make *aliyah* to Israeli culture and peers, maintained that the greatest challenge in Jerusalem is a lack of jobs, which she believes leads recent graduates and young immigrants to leave the city for other areas. "This is a waste of great talent, as many of these *olim* ['new immigrants'] come with one and sometimes two degrees, along with work experience, a strong sense of open Judaism and a deep understanding of democracy," she said.

"The new center being built at the entrance of the city will help us give people what they want - access to state-of-the-art working environments that are easily accessible. With this new center and the high-speed train, we will have plenty of people from outside the city coming to work here," said Barkan.

"The future is so grand!" she proclaimed. "We just have to walk in mud for a while."

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**IDF discovers pipe bomb before arrival of 1,200 Jewish worshippers to Joseph's Tomb**

A terror attack near Joseph's Tomb in Shechem/Nablus was averted overnight on July 29 by the Israel Defense Forces, which neutralized a pipe bomb discovered prior to the arrival of 1,200 Jewish worshippers who came to offer prayers at the grave of the biblical Joseph. The event, which was secured by IDF, Border Police and Israel Police forces, came under attack by Arab rioters as Israeli civilians arrived at the location. In addition to affixing the explosive device inside the tomb compound, the rioters attacked IDF forces with stones and burning tires. Soldiers used riot-control methods to stop the attacks, and worshippers were able to continue praying. The Palestinian Quds news agency reported 13 Palestinian Authority residents wounded in their lower bodies by light fire and rubber bullets. Five were transferred to P.A. hospitals, and another eight were treated at the scene. Israeli forces also conducted security missions across Judea and Samaria, arresting 15 wanted terror suspects. Shechem/Nablus is located in Area A, an area designated by the Oslo Accords as under total P.A. control. However, the Israeli army conducts security operations in the area, and civilians can register for monthly authorized and guarded visits to Joseph's Tomb. The pilgrimages are frequently met with rock-throwing, Molotov cocktails and even gunfire attacks on Israeli troops.

**Netanyahu reportedly seeking to expand Palestinian construction in the West Bank**

Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu is seeking Cabinet approval for a plan to expand Palestinian construction in Area C of the West Bank, according to an Israeli media report on July 29. Netanyahu wants unanimous support from government ministers for the move, Kan news reported. Senior government sources quoted in the report did not say if the move was linked to the upcoming visit of senior White House adviser Jared Kushner. Senior government officials told Kan that the plan is an "extremely sensitive" matter. In response to the report, Israeli NGO Regavim issued a sharp response: "As the Palestinian Authority is actively carrying out an illegal takeover of Area C, we hope that this report is inaccurate and that the Cabinet hearing did not focus on approving a plan that plays into the hands of [Palestinian Authority leader Mahmoud Abbas], a plan that will serve as the silver platter on which he will be handed the terrorist state in the heart of Israel he has dreamed of establishing." The statement went on to add that "the only place for large-scale construction projects that serve the Arab sector in Judea and Samaria is the area under P.A. jurisdiction."

**Iran says it plans to restart activities at nuclear facility**

Iran will start its activities at the Arak heavy-water nuclear reactor, the head of Iran's Atomic Energy Organization, Ali Akbar Salehi told lawmakers on July 28. Heavy water

can be used to create a nuclear bomb. The announcement came as diplomats from Iran and other signees of the 2015 nuclear deal – Russia, China, Britain, France, Germany and the European Union – met in Vienna on July 29 to save the agreement, which the United States withdrew from in May 2018, reimposing sanctions lifted under it, as well as enacting new financial penalties against the regime. "The atmosphere was constructive, and the discussions were good," Iranian Deputy Foreign Minister Seyed Abbas Araghchi told reporters following the meeting. He added that while all the issues haven't been resolved, the remaining parties are "determined to save this deal." Earlier in July, Iran exceeded the uranium enrichment limit under the deal. The regime has also increased global tensions after seizing two U.K.-owned oil tankers this month in the Strait of Hormuz after shooting down a U.S. drone in June.

**Report: Jews most targeted for hate crimes in Canada**

For the third consecutive year, Jews are the most targeted minority group when it comes to hate crimes in Canada, despite a 4 percent decrease from the year before. There were 360 recorded antisemitic incidents, according to Statistics Canada, which released its report on July 22. According to B'nai Brith Canada, 2,041 antisemitic incidents in Canada were reported in 2018. Canadian police responded to 1,798 hate crimes in 2018, and 2,073 the previous year. "We are encouraged to see an overall decline in hate crimes, [but] this data confirms the persistence of Jew hatred, which is seeing an alarming global rise," said Centre for Israel and Jewish Affairs CEO Shimon Koffler Fogel.

**Beth Din of America starts blog to explain rabbinical court process, decisions**

The Beth Din of America, regarded as one of the leading Jewish religious courts in North America, has launched a first-time blog dedicated to explaining the rabbinical court process and related decisions. Jewishprudence will focus on providing information to attorneys and legal professionals regarding Jewish law and jurisprudence. The blog will feature discussions of Beth Din procedure, along with "substantive issues" of Jewish law as it applies to the modern commercial marketplace. It will also publish some of the decisions rendered by the Beth Din of America (following anonymization and with the consent of the parties). The informational blog aims to meet two objectives. One is to make the process more transparent and accessible. The second goal is to create a sophisticated forum for discussions of Jewish law and business ethics as it applies to the contemporary commercial marketplace. "Earlier this year, we embarked on a broader program to better explain the Beth Din process to as many audiences as we can and make Jews more comfortable bringing cases to us," said Beth Din of America Director Rabbi Shlomo Weissmann, who is also an attorney. "While most of the work of the Beth Din of America takes place behind the scenes and confidentially, our goal is that Jewishprudence will shed light on the work of the Beth Din as another step in this process." To read Jewishprudence, visit [www.bethdin.org/jewishprudence](http://www.bethdin.org/jewishprudence).

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